

FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: Recycle Program Update

PURPOSE: To provide information on Fort Hood's Recycle Program.

FACTS:

1. The Recycling Program Mission: to collect, process, and sell recycling material generated on Fort Hood while avoiding disposal cost.
2. For the previous 7 years, recycle collection and recycle containers were a contracted-out function. Beginning Sep 2003, Fort Hood Recycle assumed full responsibility for the recycle collection function; the only exception is family housing areas, this has remained a contract function. There should be no changes to your collection program and in effect transparent to the users. The requirements are to take material to the green or blue containers positioned in and around the area. The containers are marked according to the type of material that is to be placed in each container: Paper, plastic, cardboard, and metal (aluminum cans and steel cans). Please do not "commingle" the material. Fort Hood Recycle has three drop-off points for recycle materials: Clear Creek Commissary, Warrior Way Commissary and the Fort Hood Recycle Center. In addition, there are several new services provided by Recycle program: Containers on request, roll-off support for bulk collection, and the use of two large shredders at no cost.
3. The Recycle Center, located at 72nd and Railhead in Bldg 4621, sorts and processes cardboard, plastics (type #1 and type #2), metal (aluminum and steel cans) and paper (newspaper, white ledger, office pack and mixed paper). To ensure the highest dollar amount available, the Fort Hood Recycle Center has implemented a quality control program. In doing so, all commodities shipped from Fort Hood Recycle are "mill ready" and exceed industry standards. Each product is inspected and tagged individually by each work station employee. A benefit of utilizing the product tag is advertisement of our recycle program. POC: Charles Farris, Operations Coordinator, 287-7881
4. The direct sales started in FY 96. Fort Hood Recycle and DRMO are the only approved sources for sales on Fort Hood. Combined, Fort Hood and DRMO sold \$709,821.24 worth of materials in FY 03. All commodities being processed at Fort Hood Recycle Center are currently

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under 2-year contracts. POC: Derrick Born, Sales Specialist, 287-1606 or derrick.born@hood.army.mil.

5. The Outreach Program is an ongoing success story. In 1993, a mascot for the Fort Hood Recycle Center was created. Ricky Raccoon, Your Recycle Pal, is a valuable asset to the overall outreach program. Ricky provides tours of the recycle facility, hands out recycle information pamphlets and travels to units, brigades, battalions, local and surrounding area schools to inform all on the benefits of recycling. The Fort Hood Recycle motto, "Don't Trash It, We'll Cash It.", is now a familiar saying in and around Fort Hood. Fort Hood Recycle participates in as many outreach opportunities as possible to include the Hood Howdy, Earth Day, Senior Leaders' Meetings and Make a Difference Day. Other forums used to promote and educate on recycle are the Recycle Action Team Meetings (RAT) and the Recycle Advisory Committee (RAC).

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